

How can I improve my language skills?

MFL GCSE Revision



What does the exam look like?

Paper 1—Listening

- Written exam: 35 minutes (**Foundation Tier**), 45 minutes (**Higher Tier**)
- 40 marks (**Foundation Tier**), 50 marks (**Higher Tier**)
- 25% of GCSE

Paper 2— Speaking

- 7-9 minutes (**Foundation Tier**) + preparation time
 - 10-12 minutes (**Higher Tier**) + preparation time
 - 60 marks (for each of **Foundation Tier** and **Higher Tier**)
- 25% of GCSE **Foundation Tier** and **Higher Tier**

Paper 3—Reading

- Written exam: 45 minutes (**Foundation Tier**), 1 hour (**Higher Tier**)
 - 60 marks (for each of **Foundation Tier** and **Higher Tier**)
- 25% of GCSE

Paper 4—Writing

- Written exam: 1 hour (**Foundation Tier**)
 - 50 marks at **Foundation Tier**
- 25% of GCSE

Learning strategies

- Stick post-it notes around your room with new words on.
- Challenge yourself to learn a certain amount of words a day.
- Create flashcards with the vocabulary on.
- Use Quizlet/Duolingo to boost your vocabulary.
- Group words together into different categories.
- Read and listen to vocabulary in context to help it stick.
- Look, cover, write and check!
- Remember the genders of the words.
- Write down and learn any new vocabulary that you come across.
- Be adventurous with language and as varied as you can!

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Grammar.

- Read over the rules to get a good understanding.
- Use the revision workbooks.
- Keep practising/drilling the different verbs. You NEED to know them off by heart!
- Remember that in your writing exam you need to show off that you can use verbs in different tenses.

Reading and listening.

- Practise, practise, PRACTISE!
- Learn vocabulary lists.
- Listen out for time phrases to help guide you to the answer.
- Listen to songs, watch TV with subtitles and try pick out words that you can understand. In time, you will get quicker at understanding!

Speaking

- Roleplay and photocard revision.
- Learn the answers to the questions as they will come up!
- Practise the different questions to yourself so that you get used to saying them fluently.
- Get used to using lots of different tenses and a variety of language.

Writing

- Revise key 'flashy' phrases that you can use in different contexts.
- Make sure that you vary the language that you use.
- Practise the different questions to yourself so that you get used to saying them fluently.
- Get used to using lots of different tenses and a variety of language.

www.quizlet.com – A great resource to practise different vocabulary.

<http://www.languagesonline.org.uk> – A website with different worksheets and activities to practise the languages.

<https://lyricstraining.com> – You can listen and read along to songs to improve your listening skills.

www.duolingo.com – An app that you can download to your phone/tablet to practise languages every day.

www.scholinguia.com – A website where you can practise your verb conjugations.

www.zut.org.uk – A place to practise different topics with games (only free after 4pm).

<http://www.nachrichtenleicht.de/> - German news site with accessible stories.

<http://www.1jour1actu.com/monde/> - French news with accessible stories.

<https://www.newsinslowspanish.com/> - Spanish news with accessible stories.

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Wednesday
2:45—3:45.**